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Update following school closure

Dear parents and carers,

Firstly, thank you for all the positive and supportive comments which we have received in school. The response to home learning from today has been wonderful, with so many children logging on to access learning from home. Thank you for all your help with this. Teachers have engaged with great enthusiasm in school today with training relating to remote teaching. From tomorrow, they will begin recording lesson inputs to upload onto Seesaw.

I do have to pay tribute to the amazing staff team at Wroxall who have continued to prioritize the needs of children, arriving for work ready to support children within school on Monday, then quickly changing to delivering remote learning and learning by Tuesday. I really couldn't be prouder of the astounding effort and positivity they have shown in the light of such challenges. In addition to the teachers and learning support assistants, the office staff within school have worked tirelessly to support both myself and families this week. Mrs Buckingham worked through two of her days off to support the school and Mrs Steele attempted until 11pm last night to send out my letter to parents and carers, eventually having to complete this task early this morning due to the teachers2parents system crashing.

Key worker and vulnerable children

As I explained in my letter yesterday, Wroxall Primary remains open for children of key workers and those considered to be vulnerable. All of the vulnerable children and those who requested places how now been contacted. Places within school are offered on a full-time basis. However, we wish to fully support the government's plan for people to stay home as much as possible. If children do not need to attend school on certain days due to parental working patterns or because alternative care is available, we can accommodate this. Please use the usual absence reporting procedure if your child is due to attend school and will not be in.

The full criteria list for allocations of places within school can be found using this link:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision?utm_source=4%20January%202021%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19

If you feel that you are eligible, have not yet applied and would like to apply for a place for your child, please complete the Google form below.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/184zc5TOHnH9sdz3BK3avFp8bhNOQK55vROtwl8omDX8/edit>

Children attending school should arrive via the playground (not the front door) at 8:30am-8:45am and should be collected via the playground at 2:50pm – 3:00pm each day.

Due to staffing, it is difficult for us to offer breakfast and after-school provision at the moment but if this is needed on an emergency basis, please do let us know and we will endeavor to facilitate this.

School lunches

Hot school lunches will continue to be available for all children who are attending school. Children who are eligible for benefits related free school meals who are not attending school will be offered weekly food parcels. The school has already made contact with these families. But please do let us know if you feel that you are eligible and have not been contacted.

Pre-School

Pre-school remains open for children of key workers and vulnerable children. We are able to offer places at pre-school for other children, however only if no other alternative can be found by families. Again we would reiterate the government's message that people should stay home to reduce mixing between households.

Remote learning

Responding to parental feedback, teachers are working hard to find ways to avoid the need for printing resources during home learning. As such we have a supply of lined and squared exercise books available for collection from the school office for your child to work in. The work from these books can then be photographed and uploaded onto Seesaw. If you would like to collect books for your child to use, please do feel welcome to visit the school office this week to do so. Teachers are also finding ways to upload resources which can be edited directly while on the screen. Mr Price has produced a tutorial to support families with navigating through the daily work posted onto Seesaw and also how to edit work. This will be available on each class' Seesaw page and also on the school website.

Once again thank you for your continued partnership and support. We wish you and your families well and hope that you all stay safe. We will look forward to re-opening the school fully and seeing you all in person again as soon as it is safe to do so.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lynn Torrance', written in a cursive style.

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